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SECRETARY KISSINGER ON U.S. SOVIET POLICY

ANNCR: ON TUESDAY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER DELIVERED A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH. VOA NEWS ANALYST RONALD J. DUNLAVEY DISCUSSES MR. KISSINGER'S MAIN POINTS AND THE REASONS HE CHOSE TO MAKE THEM AT THIS TIME:

VOICE: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH TUESDAY WAS BILLED IN ADVANCE AS A MAJOR STATEMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY. AND INDEED IT WAS---NOT BECAUSE IT CONTAINED ANY NEW IDEAS OR DRAMATIC DEPARTURES BUT BECAUSE OF ITS PHILOSOPHOCAL SWEEP, ITS HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND ITS STRIKING NOTE OF SERIOUSNESS.

BASICALLY, IT WAS AN EXPLANATION OF---AND A DEFENSE OF---THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET UNION. ONCE AGAIN -- AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, RIGHT BACK INTO THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION---SECRETARY KISSINGER LAID OUT THE RATIONALE FOR DETENTE: THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF AVOIDING NUCLEAR WAR, OF DEVELOPING A NETWORK OF SOVIET-AMERICAN MUTUAL INTERESTS, AND OF MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL ORDER THROUGH SELF-RESTRAINT AND COOPERATION. HE WENT IN SOME DETAIL INTO THE STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS, AND ONCE AGAIN OUTLINED THE REASONS WHY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES AID SHOULD BE SENT TO SUPPORT THE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA BELIEVED TO REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF ITS PEOPLE. AND HE CALLED FOR GREATER UNITY AMONG AMERICANS IN SUPPORT OF FOREIGN POLICY. WARNING AGAINST WHAT HE CALLED "DIVISIONS THAT PARALYZE OUR INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS," HE CALLED FOR A "NEW PARTNERSHIP" AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT. THIS PARTNERSHIP, HE SAID, WOULD ALLOW THE PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS THE WORLD AS THE SPOKESMAN OF "A UNITED AND PURPOSEFUL AMERICA."

IT IS NOT HARD TO SEE IN MR. KISSINGER'S SPEECH NOT ONLY A PHILOSOPHICAL OVERVIEW BUT ALSO A DETERMINED DEFENSE OF ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICIES WHICH ARE UNDER ATTACK IN A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR. DETENTE... THE STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS...THE ADMINISTRATION'S STAND ON ANGOLA...THESE ARE BEING DEBATED---AND CRITICIZED---IN CONGRESS, IN THE PRESS, AND IN POLITICAL SPEECHES BY POTENTIAL OPPONENTS OF PRESIDENT FORD IN NEXT NOVEMBER'S ELECTION. OFFICIAL SOURCES IN WASHINGTON HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FULLY INTENDS TO JOIN THE DEBATE IN DEFENSE OF ITS POLICIES---TO "FERTILIZE," THE DEBATE, AS ONE OF THEM PUT IT.

IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE, HOWEVER, TO CONCLUDE THAT TUESDAY'S SPEECH WAS ONLY AN EXERCISE IN POLITICAL RHETORIC. IT WENT DEEPER THAN THAT, OUTLINING VITAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MR. KISSINGER BELIEVES SHOULD GUIDE SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS---AND WORLD ORDER----IN THE YEARS AHEAD. "IT IS OUR BELIEF", HE SAID, "THAT, WITH PATIENCE, A PATTERN OF RESTRAINTS AND A NETWORK OF VESTED INTERESTS CAN DEVELOP WHICH WILL GIVE COEXISTENCE A MORE HOPEFUL DIMENSION AND MAKE BOTH SIDES CONSCIOUS OF WHAT THEY WOULD STAND TO LOSE BY REVERTING TO THE POLITICS OF PRESSURE, CONFRONTATION AND CRISIS." THIS IS NOT A NEW DOCTRINE; IT IS ONE THAT MR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN EXPOUNDING FOR YEARS, AND ONE WHICH HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GO ON EXPOUNDING, REGARDLESS OF ELECTION-YEAR CONCERNS, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ANYONE---IN AMERICA OR IN THE SOVIET UNION---WHO IS WILLING TO LISTEN.